

REMARKS

Applicant thanks Examiner Trettel for their availability in reviewing the pending matter. It is respectfully proposed that the presently pending claims are allowable and that the application is fully in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-12, 14, 15, and 17-29 were earlier examined.

Claims 17-29 were found allowable and remain in their allowable form without amendment. Claims 5, 7 were objected to but allowable based upon the claims from which they depend (claims 1 and 4). Claims 5 and 7 have been so amended into independent form and are respectfully allowable for that reason.

Claim 6 was rejected under §112 but was not included under the §102 rejection. Claim 6 was discussed with the Examiner in relation to the §112 rejection and has been suitably amended in a more generic manner to overcome the §112 concerns and to also incorporate the claims from which it depends (claims 1 and 4). As a consequence, it is respectfully proposed that claim 6 also stands allowable as currently amended.

The remaining claims stand canceled from the application.

In view of the above submission it is respectfully proposed that claims 5, 6, 7, and 17-29 stand allowable and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Regarding the respective objections, namely: to the items on page 3, first para. of the present action including

- (a) the attachment of the zipper flap by sewing, and claim 6 matters, has been addressed by the current amendment of claim 6;
- (b) the ‘impregnated’ thermoplastic materials of claims 8 and 10 are addressed by the current cancellation of claims 8 and 10; and
- (c) the ‘perforated’ materials in claim 12 are addressed by the removal of claim 12.

The earlier submitted substitute specification tracks the translation directly. The present amendment to the specification removes the direct phrase “Claim 1” language as

claim 1 is now canceled. No other changes have been made. No new matter has been entered. It is respectfully proposed that the specification and related materials are now suitable for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

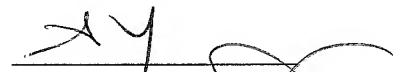
In conclusion, Applicant respectfully proposes that the present amendments place the application in immediate condition for allowance, address each item noted, and request urgent notice to that effect.

While no fees are believed due with this submission, other than those authorized and enclosed, should any additional fees be due or the return of over payments necessary, authority is provided to access Deposit Account No. 10-0100 (Attn. MERTE.Y3-20).

In the spirit of condensed and streamlined practice, if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be of value, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned counsel for a prompt response.

Early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested in view of the enclosed amendments.

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